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## MEETING MINUTES

**Members Present:** Kirk Beck, Dan Gressmann, Gurumantra Khalsa, Erin Snyder, John Williams, Kathye Crumley, Susie Doss, Albert Figueroa, Paul Van Doren, Nancy Sturmer, Jeff Kraus, Christina Duran, Taffi Romero

**Members Excused:** Bernice Tank, Michael Pierpoint

**Members Unexcused:** Wivory Brandle, Steven Kirkpatrick, Sallie Cernie

**Guests:** Andy Melendrez, Doris Williams, Norm Gritton, Aurora Chavez, Cindy Jensen

**Staff:** Eva Yakutis, Housing & Neighborhoods Manager  
Bruni Mercado, Neighborhoods Project Assistant

**1. Call to Order/Introductions** – Gurumantra Khalsa called meeting to order at 6:31 pm

**2. Approval of Minutes for May 7, 2007**

Dan Gressmann moved to approve – seconded by Nancy Sturmer.

**3. Visiting Councilmember**

- Andy Melendrez gave brief report on neighborhood group activity in Ward 2. Announced the Eastside Neighborhood Forum was scheduled for Thursday, June 7, 2007, at 5:30 pm at the Cesar Chavez Community Center – Special Guest would be Riverside Transit Authority to discuss transportation programs. Lincoln Park Neighborhood Group was doing well and has been working with Code Enforcement and Police to clean up alley in their area; Mission Inn Group has seen substantial improvement with group homes; Dwight Street Neighborhood Association will be having a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Block Party; The new Cridge Street Neighborhood Group will have their first meeting in July.

- Councilman Melendrez took questions from the board:

- Is there a limit on how many vehicles to one home?

No limit to how many vehicles a family can have if vehicles are operable and parked legally.

- Status of school site in the Eastside?

School district is looking at three possible sites, the decision will depend on whether the community will want to work with the school district and City to come to an agreement.

- Is there a City Ordinance that limits how many occupants can reside in one home?

When Code Enforcement is called to these homes the people will leave but come back after a while. Is the City looking into fixing this situation?

This is normally not a problem unless there are people living in garages. Safety is the City's goal in these types of situations. If there are people living in garages both the renter and owner can be cited.

**4. Concerns from Visiting Neighborhoods**

Joanne Perkins from Canyon Crest area came to ask the RNP's assistance with her Home Owner's Association Board. She is part of the Canyon Creek Homeowner's Association, but the condos are not being kept up although members pay a monthly maintenance fee. She is looking into learning more about neighborhood organizing and leadership skills. She registered for the June 30, 2007, Neighborhood Conference.

## **5. Housing & Neighborhoods Division Report**

### **a) Volunteers for Conference**

- Greeters – Albert Figueroa, Nancy Sturmer, Erin Snyder, Christina Duran
- Caucus Leaders – Erin Snyder, Bruni Mercado, Eva Yakutis, Taffi Romero (tentatively), Heather Troxel (tentatively), Nancy Larsen (tentatively)
- Caucus helpers – Dan Gressmann, Michael Pierpoint

### **b) Awards Subcommittee**

The Awards Judges will consist of Susie Doss, Kirk Beck, and Kathye Crumley. Bruni gave each judge copies of all Jack B. Clarke Good Neighbor Award nominations for their review. Judges will choose one winner citywide on Wednesday, June 6, 2007. Awards will be presented at the June 30<sup>th</sup> Neighborhood Conference.

Bruni Mercado announced that there will be a separate section for Neighborhood Group tables at the conference this year. Anyone interested in promoting their neighborhood group should contact her at 826-2390.

## **6. Subcommittee Report**

- ### **a) Change/Addition to Bylaws – RNP Board approved new procedure to approve candidates for filling board vacancies in the absence of an alternate and replacing alternates. Copies of revised bylaws will be distributed at July meeting.**

## **7. RNP Event/Meeting Calendar**

Eva announced that she would look into adding a community calendar on the Neighborhoods website and assign Housing & Neighborhoods Division staff to maintain and update neighborhood events and meetings.

Susie Doss suggested that the City promote Channel 32 more as it is a good source of information for the community. Eva mentioned she would have the Marketing staff promote Channel 32 in the Riverside Monthly which is mailed to all residents of Riverside.

## **8. 2007 RNP Action Plan**

Gurumantra revisited the topic of RNP measurable goals. He asked members to make suggestions about new goals that the board could work on that hadn't been mentioned already. Eva suggested a chart be made so that members could input their volunteer hours, how many events RNP worked a booth, how many board members in attendance at Mayor's Night Out, etc. Jeff Kraus suggested that members invite a different neighborhood group member/leader to every RNP meeting. Councilman Melendrez suggested that the RNP try reporting their goals accomplished to the Youth & Community Services Committee

## **9. Future Agenda Items**

None

## **10. Other Items/Public Comment**

- Eva gave status on the Kawa Market project – Wood Streets Neighborhood Assn. was to have a meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007, at Magnolia Elementary at 6:30 pm to discuss issue.
- Nancy Sturmer passed out flyers for Old Riverside Foundation Home Tour on May 19, 2007.
- Nancy Hart passed out flyers for the Arlington Partnership Chili Cook Off – RNP planned to have a table at this event.
- Paul Van Doren passed out flyers for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Wheelchair Basketball Exhibition Fundraiser on June 2, 2007.

Eva Yakutis discussed upcoming trip to the Neighborhoods USA Conference in Baton Rouge to do a presentation for the Best Neighborhood Program of the Year Award of which the City of Riverside's 2006 Neighborhood Conference was a finalist.

## **11. Next Meeting**

Meeting is scheduled for July 2, 2007 – Mayor's Ceremonial Room

## **12. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. and minutes were prepared by Housing & Neighborhoods Office staff.